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1. [REDACTED] Igor Budarin, the counselor of the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires, held an hour and a half conversation with Foreign Minister Juan Bramuglia before President Peron's much advertised "universal" speech, which was expected to be strongly anti-Soviet and anti-Communist. It is believed that President Peron was present during this conversation. 25X1X
2. Budarin lamented that Argentina is falling into the orbit of the United States, her traditional enemy. He pointed out that, on the other hand, Argentina could be aided by the USSR in consolidating the "Austral Bloc." Budarin offered on the part of his government:
- a. A supply of arms of all types; and
 - b. Factory equipment with the additional help of Russian technicians.
- In return, he suggested that Argentina:
- c. Adopt a more friendly attitude toward the USSR;
 - d. Oppose the arms unification plan of the United States; and
 - e. Be "difficult" during the forthcoming Rio de Janeiro conference.
3. E. Cipolletti, the Under Secretary of Information, had prepared a strongly anti-Communist and anti-Soviet article which President Peron subsequently ordered to be held in abeyance.
4. [REDACTED] Soviet Ambassador M. G. Sergueev held a long conversation with an Ambassador from a Latin American country during the journey to Tucuman when accompanying President Peron and Chilean President Gonzalez Videla to the celebration held in Tucuman on 9 July. Sergueev, who seemed very worried, bluntly asked the Latin American ambassador:

- a. The nature of the inter-American pact;
- b. Its scope and significance;
- c. What country threatens continental peace;
- d. If he did not agree that it could be any country except Russia;
- e. If the pact was not exclusively political; and
- f. If it were not a clear case of opposition to Russia and an attempt to justify United States activities and

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interests which, in reality, are of little interest to the other countries of this hemisphere.

5. The Latin American ambassador was very surprised by Sergueev's direct approach. He mentioned this conversation to Argentine Foreign Minister Bramuglia, who stated that Sergueev is very worried about the collaboration of the different American countries with the United States. Bramuglia said that Sergueev frequently states that the proposed pact is neither practical nor convenient for any of the other American republics.
6. Ambassador Sergueev did not attempt to conceal his satisfaction with the Argentine declaration of economic independence. He stated that the position adopted by President Peron could be profitably adopted by the other American republics.

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